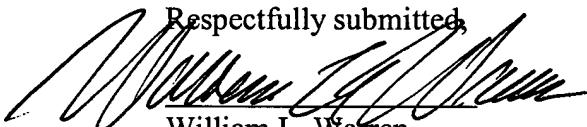


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REMARKS

Original Claims 1-26 are pending in the application, with Claims 15-17, 21 and 23-25 being amended to further clarify the subject matter to be claimed. Claims 1-14 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 27-31 are added with support in the original claims and the specification. No new matters or new issues are introduced. Applicants request entry of this Preliminary Amendment prior to the examination of the application. Accompanied with this Preliminary Amendment is an Information Disclosure Statement and Notice of Related Litigation with the references listed on the attached PTO form 1449.

The Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned attorney at 404-853-8081 if doing so will facilitate prosecution of the application. No fees are believed to be due at this time. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 19-5029 (Ref.: 23578-0009).

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